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## ISSUE AN ADDRESS

Do the Democrats Looking After Goebel's Interests

## RELATIVE TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Office in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Committee Urge that Contents be at Once Instituted.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 22.—The address of the Democracy of the state, endorsing the contest instituted by William Goebel and other candidates on the Democratic ticket was issued last night. It was signed by Former Senator Blackburn, chairman of the state campaign committee; Chairman Young and all members of the executive and central committees. It says in part: "The Democratic party of Kentucky, through its several state committees, has unanimously decided that the best interests of the party, as well as of justice, demand that contents shall be made by all the candidates on the Democratic ticket for the respective offices for which they were nominated. The committees feel that it is proper that they should, in a concise form, state the grounds upon which they base their action."

This address also says: "The state board of election commissioners, at its recent session, issued certificates of election to all the Republican candidates for the state offices, but the board expressly declared in the opinion rendered that it acted simply as a canvassing board without power or authority, as it construed the law, to inquire into the legality or validity of any contested votes. The board expressed the opinion that, if clothed with the authority to go behind the returns and determine the matters in contention, the certificates of election would not have been issued to the parties who received them. We feel that in the light of the action of this board the Democratic party cannot do less than to carry its contention to the tribunal created by the law for its determination. The grounds upon which this contest is based consist of the protest against the use of tissue ballots in many of the overwhelming Republican counties of the state. The use of these ballots is not only in violation of the letter of the law, but it is in utter and open defiance of the spirit of the law, and the use of these ballots furnish not only prima facie, but also conclusive, evidence of purposed fraud.

"Another ground of contest is the plain violation and defiance of law by the late Republican governor of the state who, whilst actively engaged in the making of stump speeches and the prosecution of a partisan political canvass, ordered out the militia and in violation of both law and precedent, assumed personal command of troops in the metropolis of the state, parading the streets of Louisville on the day of election with his soldiers and Gatling guns, invading the voting booths and forcing into them against the protests of the lawfully appointed election officers, pretended inspectors and challengers who, the highest court of the state has decided, had no lawful right to be present."

The directors of the Amalgamated Copper Mining company of New York have declared the second quarterly dividend of one-half per cent.

## No Definite News.

London, Dec. 22.—There is still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official dispatches.

Gen. Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published, shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than Gen. Buller's original estimate.

Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses, authorizing a collection in the churches, throughout England on Jan. 7 in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

J. J. Eckford of Dallas has been appointed judge of the forty-fourth district court by Gov. Sayars.

Fanchon Thompson, the American songbird, now in Paris, is reported to have lost her voice.

## Will Get Pay.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Swift & Co. will get their pay after all for the 300,000 pounds of beef condemned by Gen. Miles in the summer of 1899 at Puerto Rico. This meat was on board the Manitoa and was shipped to Cuba, where it was properly inspected and accepted by officials of the war department.

It was then ordered on to Puerto Rico, but Gen. Miles would not receive it. It finally found its way to Montauk. By that time the meat was unquestionably in bad shape, and was thrown overboard.

The auditor of the war department turned down the bill of Swift & Co. for \$29,000. Swift & Co. appealed to the controller of the treasury who has rendered a decision, reversing the action of the auditor and ordering the bill paid as a just and valid claim against the government.

The fact that the meat had once been accepted by the government fixed the responsibility, in the opinion of the controller. When the meat was ordered to points not in the original design, and where there were no refrigerating plants, it was at the government's risk and not at the risk of the shipper.

This ends a case which, in its day, attracted a great deal of attention and caused to be directed against the Chicago packinghouse a flood of criticism.

## Louisiana Democrats.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—The Democratic State convention, which met at Baton Rouge, completed its labors by the nomination of the following officers in addition to W. W. Heard at governor; Lieutenant governor, Albert Ketchikan; secretary of state, John T. Mitchell; state superintendent of education, J. V. Calhoun; attorney general, Judge Walter Guion; auditor, W. S. Frazer, treasurer, Le-doux E. Smith.

The platform denounced trusts and called upon the state legislature and congress to pass laws for their regulation and suppression. Allegiance was declared to the Chicago platform of 1896. The levee system, the improvement of Southwest Pass and of western and southern waterways and the building of an inter-oceanic canal were endorsed. The administration of Gov. Foster was praised, and the passage of laws regulating primaries was urged.

## Started in a Kiln Room.

Toia, Kan., Dec. 22.—Fire which started in the north end of the kiln room at 6 o'clock yesterday morning destroyed \$250,000 worth of property belonging to the Lanyon Zinc company at Lanyonville, five miles east of here. The 200-foot smokestack fell, killing two men. The dead are Jesse Matthews and J. D. Schaub.

The destroyed buildings were the machine kiln building, containing four large and expensive ore-roasting machines, crusher room, engine room and two large Corliss engines. About half of the plant was destroyed. The loss is covered by insurance.

## No Opinion Yet.

Washington, Dec. 22.—In the absence of a formal complaint the state department officials do not care to express a specific opinion in the case of the reported seizures of American flour by British cruisers off the South African coast under suspicion that it was intended for the Transvaal, but under the general rule adopted by our government and adhered to by most of the other civilized governments, merchandise of this description sent by one neutral nation to another is absolutely exempt from seizure.

## The Maine Dead.

Havana, Dec. 22.—The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any ceremonies over the bodies, as newly confined they were placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until until all was completed. At 10 o'clock Wednesday night ten wagons formed a procession, carrying 151 coffins to the Machina wharf, passing through unfrequented streets. The bodies reached the wharf at 11:30 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas.

## Cut His Throat.

Washington, Dec. 22.—James Duane Taylor, one of the important officers in New York City of the Wagner Palace Car company, and a son-in-law of the founder of the company, committed suicide yesterday shortly after noon at the Graton hotel in this city by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Taylor was suffering from some nervous affection caused by illness and the fatal act was committed apparently on the impulse of the moment.

The Spanish government has formally recognized Gen. Castro as president of the republic of Venezuela.

## "Ham" Fish's Prophecy.

Hamilton Fish took a parting cocktail with nine friends just as he was departing for the recent war with Spain. Those men tell about that now with a suspicious hush in their voices, for brave "Ham" Fish was a favorite with his comrades. And the story goes to prove that the young giant had a premonition of his death.

"Boys," he said, as he lifted the glass simultaneously with the nine, "this is the last cocktail I'll ever drink with you, for I shall never come back." A short time proved the truth of his prophecy.—New York World.

## Philadelphia's Long Times.

Of the city of Philadelphia it is said that it has had a larger number of congressmen of extended periods of consecutive service than any other locality in the country. It is pointed out that Congressman Kelley and O'Neill each served twenty-nine years, Congressman Randall twenty-seven and Congressman Harmer twenty-six. One of the present congressmen, General Bingham, has a record of ten terms or twenty years of consecutive service. General Bingham is a native of Philadelphia, and it is a peculiarity of Philadelphia congressmen that they are, usually, natives of that city. An exception is William McAllister, the representative of the Third district. He is a Democratic and a native of County Tyrone, Ireland.

## La Porte, Texas.

The progress of the construction work at La Porte, Texas, the future great deep-water shipping point at the head of navigation on Galveston Bay on the Gulf of Mexico, is progressing favorably. The wharves and switching tracks are nearing completion and the work on the streets and on the sewerage and water systems is now under way. Mr. I. R. Holmes, the general manager of the La Porte Improvement Company and the La Porte Wharf and Channel Company, is personally superintending the improvements. Mr. Holmes makes his headquarters at the Sylvan Hotel and visitors to La Porte during the next six weeks and before the time of the first general La Porte sale, which will be held in February, 1900, should introduce themselves to Mr. Holmes and allow him to extend to them facilities for getting a thorough understanding of the conditions surrounding the La Porte enterprises.

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